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CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Boston Public Health Commission

Division of Violence Prevention

Defending Childhood Initiative

Family Nurturing Program Providers

- Program:** The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) Division of Violence Prevention has announced a Request for Proposals (RFP) under the Defending Childhood Initiative to increase the availability of the Family Nurturing Program in Boston. The funds will support community based organizations to be trained in and implement the evidence-based Family Nurturing Program in their community. BPHC encourages a broad range of traditional and non-traditional providers to apply.
- Funds:** Grant size: \$20,000
Number of awards: five
- Deadline:** April 20, 2012 by noon
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit community organizations with 501 (c) 3 status that work with children and families, including child care centers, schools, after school programs, health centers, grassroots community groups, faith organizations, tenant associations, and domestic violence shelters
- Information:** Stephanie Doyle, Division of Violence Prevention, Boston Public Health Commission, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02118, telephone: (617) 534-5395, email: sdoyle@bphc.org, link: www.bphc.org/rfp

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Children and Families

Assets for Independence Demonstration Program

- Program:** The Administration for Children and Families is requesting applications for grants to administer projects for the national Assets for Independence (AFI) demonstration of the use and impact of Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) and related services. Grantees will provide an array of supports and services to enable individuals and families with low incomes to become more economically self-sufficient for the long-term. A primary feature of each AFI project is that project participants are given access to special matched savings accounts called Individual Development Accounts (IDA). Participants open an IDA and save earned income in the account regularly with the goal of accumulating savings to acquire an economic asset that will appreciate over time – specifically, to purchase a home, capitalize or expand a business for self-employment, or attend higher education or training. Grantees also ensure that

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participants have access to financial literacy education and coaching such as training on money management and consumer issues. Grant recipients must finance the projects with a combination of the federal AFI grant and non-federal cash, with an amount that must be at least equal to the federal AFI grant amount.

Funds: Total funds available: \$15,000,000
Average grant size: \$5,000 to \$1,000,000
Number of awards: 50

Deadline: May 25, 2012, January 25, 2013, March 25, 2013, and May 24, 2013

Eligible: State and local governments, school districts, and not-for-profit organizations

Information: James Gatz, Administration of Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Aerospace Building, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW, 5th Floor West, Washington, DC 20447, telephone: (866) 778-6037, fax: (202) 401-5648, email: info@IDAresources.org, link: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/foa/view/HHS-2011-ACF-OCS-EI-0137>

EDUCATION

U.S. Department of Education

Office of Innovation and Improvement

Investing in Innovation Fund: Development Grants (i3)

Program: The Investing in Innovation Fund supports development grants for a wide array of activities designed to improve student achievement and attainment, close achievement gaps, decrease dropout rates, increase high school graduation rates, and increase college enrollment and completion rates.

Funds: Total funds available: \$140,452,000
Average grant size: \$24,000,000 for scale-up grants, \$14,500,000 for validation grants, and \$3,000,000 for development grants
Number of awards: up to two scale-up grants, one to five validation grants, and 10 to 20 development grants

Deadline: April 9, 2012

Eligible: local education agencies, a consortium of schools, and nonprofit organizations in partnership with a local education agency

Information: Carol Lyons, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Room 4W203, Washington, DC 20202-5930, telephone: (202) 453-7122, email: i3@ed.gov, link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-02-24/html/2012-4357.htm>

AT&T

Aspire Grant Program: High School Impact Initiative

Program: AT&T Aspire, a philanthropic effort of the telecommunications company, will provide grants through the High School Impact Initiative. The program funds high school retention and college and career readiness programs focused on reducing dropout

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rates. This year, the program has an increased focus on metrics, with a preference for programs showing results for those served compared to peer groups, as well as a stronger emphasis on underserved populations. AT&T is especially interested in funding local programs that are based on the federal "[What Works Clearinghouse Dropout Prevention: A Practice Guide](#)." Those incorporating social innovation in their programs and focusing on STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) disciplines will receive preference, too.

Funds: Maximum grant size: \$300,000
Deadline: April 18, 2012 for pre-qualification surveys
Eligible: School districts and tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status
Information: AT&T Aspire High School Educational Foundation, link:
<http://www.att.com/gen/press-room?pid=22593>

HEALTH

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation

Catalyst Fund

Program: Through the Catalyst Fund, the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation provides small grants to support capacity building in health care organizations and community-based agencies with health care programs. Catalyst Fund grants help with one-time expenses needed to strengthen an organization's capacity to expand access to health care in Massachusetts.

Funds: Range of grants: \$1,000 to \$5,000
Deadline: rolling, with decisions monthly
Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations, including community-based organizations, health centers, clinics, and health advocacy groups
Information: Catalyst Fund, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, The Landmark Center, 401 Park Drive, Boston, MA 02215, telephone: (617) 246-3744, link:
<http://bluecrossfoundation.org/Grants/Program-Areas/Catalyst-Fund.aspx>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Food and Drug Administration

Tobacco Regulation Awareness, Communication, and Education Program

Program: The Tobacco Regulation Awareness, Communication, and Education Program provides grants to establish or expand smoking education and communication programs at the community level. The program will advance public health by supporting community-based programs that work to identify and disseminate evidence-based, community-level best practices pertaining to smoking cessation and improving access to standardized, community-level data.

Funds: Total funds available: \$10.5 million

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Number of awards: 15
Deadline: May 9, 2012
Eligible: Partnerships of government agencies and community-based organizations
Information: Tracy Galloway, FDA/CTP, Office of Health Communication and Education, 9200 Corporate Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20850 telephone: (), fax: (), email: CTP-OHCE_CoAg@fda.hhs.gov, link: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-FD-12-002.html#_Section_VII_Agency
CFDA: 93.058

HOMELESS SERVICES

Veterans Administration

Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program

Program: The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program provides grants to serve specific homeless veteran populations and to implement a new transition in place housing model to facilitate housing stabilization.

Funds: Maximum award size: \$1,200,000
Number of awards: one per state

Deadline: May 30, 2012

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

Information: Chelsea Watson, VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program, Department of Veterans Affairs, 10770 North 46th Street, Suite C-200, Tampa, Florida, 33617, telephone: (877) 332-0334, link: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-03-01/html/2012-4880.htm>

HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Humanities

Challenge Grants

Program: The National Endowment for the Humanities' Challenge Grants are capacity-building grants intended to help institutions and organizations secure long-term improvements in and support for their humanities programs and resources. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support ongoing program activities. Grantees also may use funds for one-time capital, such as construction, renovation, and purchase of equipment expenditures that bring long-term benefits to the institution and to the humanities more broadly. Grants require a three-to-one match.

Funds: Average grant size: \$300,000 to \$500,000

Deadline: May 2, 2012

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Eligible: Governments, public and private colleges and universities, and nonprofit organizations

Information: Office of Challenge Grants, National Endowment for the Humanities, Room 420, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, telephone: (202) 606-8309, email, challenge@neh.gov, link: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/challenge.html>.

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: Planning Grants

Program: The Choice Neighborhood program provides grants to support the transformation of neighborhoods by investing in a wide array of infrastructure and other redevelopment activities.

Funds: Total funds available: \$5,000,000
Maximum grant size: \$300,000
Number of awards: 17

Deadline: May 1, 2012

Eligible: Public housing authorities, local governments, not-for-profit organizations, and for-profit developers that apply jointly with a public entity

Information: Department of Housing and Urban Development, email: ChoiceNeighborhoods@hud.gov, link: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=147433>

READING

Target Stores

Early Childhood Reading Program Grants

Program: Target stores provide grants to elementary and secondary schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations to support early childhood reading programs. Target funds programs that foster a love of reading and encourage young children, preschool through third grade, to read together with their families. Reading grants support programs such as library story times and family reading nights.

Funds: Grant size: \$2,000

Deadline: April 30, 2012

Eligible: Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations, libraries, and public agencies

Information: email: Community.Relations@target.com, link: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031821>

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REENTRY PROGRAMS

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration Offender Reentry Program

Program: The program funds substance abuse treatment and related recovery and reentry services for adult offenders returning to the community from incarceration for criminal offenses. Applicants must have partnerships that will plan, develop, and provide a transition from incarceration to community-based substance abuse treatment. Since reentry transition must begin in the correctional facility before release, limited funding may be used for certain activities in institutional correctional settings in addition to the expected community-based services.

Funds: Total funds available: \$4,600,000
Maximum grant size: \$400,000
Number of awards: 12

Deadline: May 1, 2012

Eligible: Governments, public and private colleges and universities, and tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status

Information: Jon D. Berg, Public Health Advisor, Targeted Populations Branch, Division of Services Improvement, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, 1 Choke Cherry Road, Room 5-1042, Rockville, Maryland 20857, telephone: (240) 276-1609, email: jon.berg@samhsa.hhs.gov, link: http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2012/ti_12_003.aspx

CFDA: 93.243

YOUTH

Boston Public Health Commission Division of Violence Prevention Defending Childhood and Engaging Men and Boys Initiatives Youth Leadership Healthy Relationship Promotion Projects

Program: The Boston Public Health Commission has issued a request for proposals (RFP) for Youth Leadership Healthy Relationship Promotion Projects under the Defending Childhood Initiative. The Boston Public Health Commission will fund two youth organizations to support their youth to become trained in healthy relationship promotion and violence prevention, implement a community based project to promote healthy relationships in their communities, and partner in a city-wide social marketing campaign. Organizations encouraged to apply for this funding are youth serving organizations in Boston that use a peer leadership, youth organizing, or peer

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education model. Organizations must have demonstrated experience in working with youth between the ages of 14 to 18 years old in Boston and have a mission statement that addresses the health, safety, and positive development of the youth.

- Funds:** Grant size: \$50,000
Number of awards: two
- Deadline:** April 18, 2012 by 4:00 pm
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status, including grassroots community groups, faith-based organizations, tenant associations, and established nonprofit organizations
- Information:** Wynndell Bishop, Purchasing Manager, Procurement Department, Boston Public Health Commission, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118, telephone: (617) 534-5395, email: wbishop@bphc.org, link: <http://www.bphc.org/about/Pages/RFP.aspx>

FOUNDATION PROFILE

Lawrence Foundation

Grants to Solve Environmental, Educational, Human Services, and Other Issues

- Program:** The Lawrence Foundation is focused on making grants to support environmental, education, human services, and other causes. The foundation makes both program and operating grants and does not have any geographic restrictions.
- Funds:** Average grant size: \$5,000
Number of awards: approximately 30 per year
- Deadline:** April 30 and November 1, 2012
- Eligible:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations with 501 (c) 3 status, public schools, and libraries
- Information:** Lori Mitchell, Executive Director, The Lawrence Foundation, 530 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 207, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone: (310) 451-1567, fax: (310) 451-7580, email: info@thelawrencefoundation.org, link: www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/guidelines.php

RECENT AWARDS

Citizens Bank and NECN

Champion in Action

- Program:** Bridge Over Troubled Waters, a Boston-based nonprofit that provides services to homeless and vulnerable youth, recently was awarded a \$35,000 grant from Citizens Bank and promotional and media services from NECN in connection with being named a Champion in Action. Recognized as a leader and pioneer in tackling the

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growing issue of youth homelessness, Bridge Over Troubled Waters will use the unrestricted grant in its work with more than 2,500 runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth in the greater Boston area each year. In addition to the grant, Bridge Over Troubled Waters will receive:

- Media coverage from NECN, including public service announcements and television profiles;
- Volunteer support from Citizens and NECN employees;
- Public relations support, including advertising in all 257 Citizens branches across Massachusetts and messaging on DCN and ATM screens;
- Exposure on both Citizens Bank and NECN websites.

Launched in 2002, Champions in Action, a joint initiative of Citizens Bank and NECN, aims to recognize and support nonprofits for their contributions to communities across the state. The program will award \$70,000 to two organizations in 2012.

Funds: Total funds available: \$70,000 per year
Grant size: \$35,000

Number of awards: two annually

Information: Champions in Action Program, Citizens Bank, Public Affairs Department, 53 State Street, Boston, MA 02109, link:
<http://www.citizensbank.com/community/champions/default.aspx>

Episcopal City Mission

Burgess Urban Fund

Program: Twenty Massachusetts nonprofits, all grassroots community organizers, have been awarded grants totaling \$240,000 from the Episcopal City Mission, a faith-based ministry that works for social and economic justice in Massachusetts, especially for the urban poor. ECM, which works through congregations, community-based organizations, and people within the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, has awarded more than \$6 million through the Burgess Urban Fund for more than 30 years. Receiving grants from ECM's Burgess Urban Fund were the following:

- Alternatives for Community and the Environment: T Riders Union, Boston
- Bread and Roses Housing, Lawrence
- Boston Workers Alliance, Boston
- Brockton Interfaith Community, Brockton
- Brazilian Immigrant Center, Boston
- Brazilian Women's Group, Boston
- Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores, New Bedford
- Centro Presente, Somerville
- Chelsea Neighborhood Developers, Chelsea
- Coalition Against Poverty, New Bedford
- Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corporation: Youth Force
- Essex County Community Organization, Lynn
- Ex-Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement, Worcester

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- Massachusetts Senior Action Council, Boston
- Merrimack Valley Project, Lawrence
- Metropolitan Interfaith Congregations Acting for Hope, Framingham
- Student Immigrant Movement, Boston
- The Worker Center for Economic Justice, Lynn
- United Interfaith Action, Fall River
- Worcester Homeless Action Committee, Worcester

Funds: Total funds available: \$240,000
 Range of grants: \$5,000 to \$20,000
 Number of awards: 20

Information: Katie Campbell Simons, Episcopal City Mission, 138 Tremont Street
 Boston, MA 02111, telephone: (617) 482-4826, extension 224, email:
kcsimons@diomass.org, link: <http://www.episcopalcitymission.org/>